

MAN LIVES AS RIFLE BULLET PIERCES CHEST

Who's on First?

'Bandit' Youths Flee 'Bandit' Cop Bullets

A 20-year-old Torrance youth almost got it in the neck Thursday night and has a crease in the skin caused by a bullet from a Los Angeles police officer's gun to prove it.

The youth, James W. Watson, 20617 Hawthorne Blvd., was nicked by one of nine bullets the police fired at his auto in a "big misunderstanding" which took place in a driveway at 28850 Cypress St., Lomita.

Everybody's a Bandit

The misunderstanding developed when two Los Angeles plainclothesmen thought Watson and his two companions were bandits. The three youths were thinking the same thing about the officers.

Watson and a pair of friends, Thomas S. Hirata, 21, of 18249 Amie Ave., and Herbert Hazelwood, 21, of 21726 Dolores, Key-stone, were sitting in a parked car which officers said resembled one which was used in a Harbor City robbery. As Officer Marlow J. Mathison approached the trio, the boys who later told Torrance police they believed Mathison was about to hold them up, nearly ran over the officer in an attempt to get away. Meanwhile Mathison mistook the boys action as a deliberate attempt to run him down since he was nearly hit a second time as the boys backed their car attempting to get away.

Fire Nine Rounds

Officer Mathison fired six shots at the fleeing trio and was joined by his partner, Officer G. F. Tinch, who fired three rounds at the car. The officers lost the car in traffic. Shortly thereafter the trio called Torrance police from an all-night hot dog stand at Hawthorne and Torrance Bvds., to report they had been fired upon by "bandits" in Lomita. Sgt. A. S. Thompson relayed the call to the Sheriff's office who in turn notified Los Angeles Police of the trio's location. The Los Angeles officers picked up the youths and booked them at the San Pedro jail on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon—an automobile, but released them soon afterward.

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Oil Concern Gets Ok To Drill Well If . . .

Drilling for oil in the area southwest of Hawthorne Blvd. and 236th St. received the approval of the Torrance Planning Commission here Wednesday evening.

The request of the Revo Oil Co. for a variance to permit oil drilling on Lot 7 of the Meadow Park tract was approved unanimously by the planners after a set of conditions concerning the operation were agreed to.

The area, which is zoned for light agriculture, was approved after a committee of the planners had investigated the Revo Co. proposal advanced by the Revo Co. Attorneys Arthur B. Knight and J. M. Jessen represented the company.

Conditions set forth for the operation were listed by Planning Consultant Earle Lloyd as follows:

1. Drilling shall not be within 500 feet of any residence except the residence of the owner of the land on which the well is located and except a residence located on land which, at the time of the drilling of the well, is under an oil lease or has producing wells on said land.
 2. (a) Any derrick erected for said drilling operations shall be removed within 180 days after cessation of drilling operations or the date the well is placed upon production.
 - (b) Any mud sump used during the drilling operations shall be drained and backfilled, unless the sump is to be used
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William Smith Services Slated

Funeral services will be held Tuesday for William E. Smith, 53, of 3720 Date Ave., who died yesterday at San Pedro Hospital.

Services will be held at the H. R. Halverson Mortuary in San Pedro, conducted by the Rev. Melvin Andrews of the Lutheran Church of San Pedro. Interment will follow at Green Hills Cemetery.

Born in Helena, Ark., Smith had lived in Torrance for three years and in San Pedro for 16 years prior to that. He was a member of the special security police and guard at Van Camp Seafood plant, and belonged to the Watchmen and Guards Union.

Survivors include his widow, Martha, of the same address; his mother, Mrs. Tom Smith, of Montevallo, Ala.; and two brothers from the same town, Charlton and O. T. Smith.

Herald Offices Closed Tomorrow For Labor Day

Tomorrow, Labor Day, the offices of the Torrance Herald will be closed in observance of the national holiday, according to Mrs. Grover C. Whyte, publisher.

However, deadlines for the next regular issue, Sept. 10, will remain the same as for other issues.

Deadline for classified ads is 5 p.m. Tuesday. The display advertising deadline is 2 p.m. Tuesday. Editorial copy should be in by Tuesday noon for society items and Tuesday 5 p.m. for other items.

Torrance Beauty Wins Oceanside Queen Title

Pretty Nancy La Duke, 16-year-old senior at Torrance High School, was chosen to reign as Queen of the Annual Days of San Luis celebration at Oceanside Sept. 4-7.

Nancy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William La Duke, 726 Pine Dr., will ride at the head of a parade today which is expected to attract 100,000 viewers. She was crowned last night at a coronation ball sponsored by the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce.

The local girl "invaded" Oceanside to capture the crown from a bevy of 15 other aspirants. She spent the summer at the community south of here visiting at the home of her uncle.

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Gun Discharges Sending Slug Through Chest

Reported in "fair" condition at Harbor General Hospital yesterday was Robert W. Frakes, 22, of 2267 Doris Way, who sent a 22 caliber Winchester rifle bullet surging through his chest Thursday night.

Police were called to the scene of the shooting in the Frakes Seaside Ranchos home by a neighbor who said the victim had committed suicide.

Police Officers John Hahn and Sammy Piazza said Frakes told them the gun discharged accidentally while he was inspecting it.

Rushed to Harbor General Hospital, Frakes was given a good chance to live by attendants there.

An examining physician said the bullet entered the lower front chest area of the victim, ranged upward through his gall bladder, and emerged through the right shoulder blade.



QUEEN SANDRA AND TENNESSEE ERNIE . . . Sandra Lee Constance chats with Tennessee Ernie after he introduced her to his dinner show audience Saturday night at the lavish Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas. The 17-year-old Torrance High School junior spent a week-end at the desert resort after winning the recent Miss Torrance of 1953 contest sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Band. She was accompanied by her mother and later joined by her father and brother. The family then proceeded to Yellowstone National Park for a vacation.

Torrance's Only Prisoner of War Back Home Today

Cpl. Danny Arellano, for the past 33 months held captive by the Reds in Korea, was scheduled to arrive back in Torrance during the early morning hours today.

A big celebration is being planned by his relatives and friends from 3 to 6 o'clock this afternoon in the Pueblo Recreation Center on 203rd St. The dinner in the afternoon and a dedication which is to start at 8 p.m. were originally slated to be held in the CIO Hall on Border Ave., but have been moved to the Recreation building in the Pueblo.

The 21-year-old ex-Torrance High School student was captured in December of 1950 approximately five months after he was sent to the War zone.

He is the only native Torrance boy taken prisoner during the Korean War.

San Pedro Man Killed in Crash On Normandie

One San Pedro resident was killed and another critically injured late Wednesday evening when their car smashed into the rear end of a pick-up truck loaded with heavy timbers at 100th St. and Normandie Ave.

Dying the following day was Raymond G. Kiser, 27, driver of the auto. His wife, Sunny, 29, was said to be in serious condition yesterday. She has a fractured skull and numerous cuts about the head.

San Pedro police officers said the car plowed into the rear of the truck, then glanced off into a power pole near the intersection.

Kiser's remains were taken to Stone and Myers Mortuary. Arrangements have not been completed, according to a sister-in-law, Mrs. Martha E. Harrison, of 1491 W. 182nd St.

Rosh Hashana Rites Mark Start Of Jewish New Year 5714

Local Jewry will join in the observance and celebrating of Rosh Hashana, Jewish New Year, beginning Wednesday evening, Sept. 9 and concluding with an observance of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, on Saturday night, Sept. 19.

The holidays are the most solemn days of the Jewish religious year and marks the beginning of year 5714 on the ancient Jewish calendar.

Religious services in this area will be conducted at the South Bay Community Center Hall by the Temple Menorah, Rabbi Ames Schauss, recently ordained at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, will conduct the services. He will be assisted by Cantor Paul Stern with Mr. Louis Fleischer at the piano.

The schedule of services for the High Holiday rites is as follows:

Rosh Hashana Evening, 8:30 p.m., Sept. 9.

Rosh Hashana Morning, 10 a.m., Sept. 10.

Sabbath of Repentance, 8:30 p.m., Sept. 11.

Yom Kippur Evening (K'el Nidre) 8:30 p.m., Sept. 18.

Yom Kippur Morning, 10 a.m., Sept. 19.

Memorial Service (Kislor) 4 p.m., Sept. 19.

This Jewish year, 5714, is dated from the traditional date of the creation of the world, and is celebrated in the synagogues and temples, first as a day of Memorial when the past is recalled, an inventory of the present is taken and the future considered in the light of possible improvement, and second as a Day of Judgment when one stands before the Supreme Judge of the Earth. It points to the time when all Israel and the entire world will recognize that "on that day the Eternal will be One and His name shall be One." The Ram's Horn is blown in temples and synagogues according to the ancient custom of Israel.

Editor Scooped By Doc on News Of Second Issue

Reid Bundy, Torrance Herald editor, took the day off yesterday to get out a special addition.

His big story was a direct quote from a doctor at the California Hospital, who told Bundy, "You have a new 5-pound, 11-ounce tax exemption."

The newsman started heralding the news at 12:23 just one minute after Christmas voted her objection at being patted on the popo. The new feature issue is soon to be cloth bound and delivered to the Bundys' home at 1121 Patrorella Ave., where she will take her place alongside of Susan, the Bundys' first issue, produced in January of 1951. Mommy Bundy is doing well!



LOCALE BUILT FOR MARINES . . . New fury, the North American F-3, parts of which are built at the Torrance North American plant on Western Ave., has been assigned to the U. S. Marines, says a recent company release. The new jet fighter is an advanced version of the Navy F-3 and gives the Flying Leathernecks air fighting power which is comparable to the Air Force's F-86 Sabre jet in speed and performance.